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| Applicant(s): Kenji ANDO et al. | | | | |
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.